



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FOR THE
SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND THE
CITY OF HIROSHIMA

The Honorable Nestor Garcia
Chair, Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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To the Honorable Nestor Garcia;

On behalf of the 50th anniversary sister city committee, we are in support of Bill 15
Executive Budget.

Since the establishment of our 50th sister city committee in 2008, we have been working
diligently with the Office of Economic Development to establish programs and events to
commemorate this milestone year for this sister city relationship between the City and
County of Honolulu and the City of Hiroshima. With the guidance and input of the
Office of Economic Development, we have established commemorative events in
Honolulu (July 5 to 9, 2009) and in Hiroshima (November 3 to 7, 2009).

The scope of our 50th anniversary commemoration includes a trade mission to Hiroshima
to promote Honolulu with the emphasis on encouraging tourism to Hawaii and to develop
business opportunities in Hawaii. The target markets that are being pursued are the 1.1
million residents of the City of Hiroshima and the 2.9 million citizens of Hiroshima
Prefecture as well. All funds requested through the Office of Economic Development are
essential to our 50th anniversary commemorations in 2009. It is our hope that all funds
requested for the Office of Economic Development's 2010 budget will also be retained.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of our request and for allowing us the
opportunity to express our thoughts on this upcoming unique celebration.

Sincerely Yours,

Wayne Miyao

Wayne T. Miyao
Chairman
50th Anniversary Sister City Committee